(c) if so, whether GoM has already given its recommendations; and

(d) if so, what are the details of the same and by when a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Group of Ministers (GoM) looking into the Pharmaceutical Policy have not yet given any recommendation. However, based on the request received from various Pharma Associations, Department of Pharmaceuticals recommended the following to the Department of Revenue:—

(i) To extend the date for approval by DSIR by 10 years *i.e.* up to 31.3.2017 for obtaining 100% deduction from income tax to any Indian company carrying out scientific research and development under Section 80-IB(8A). Further, this section should not be restricted to only Indian Companies.

(ii) To encourage Pharma Innovation and R&D, the benefit of section 35(2AB) of Income Tax Act 1961 may be extended by another 5 years *i.e.* up to 31.3.2017 and the benefit of weighted exemption under this section may be increased from 150% to 200%. Further, the coverage of this section may be extended to expenditure incurred for Obtaining Regulatory Approvals and Filing of Patents abroad.

However, these recommendations did not form part of budget speech on 6.7.2009.

Green field urea ammonia complex

2295. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:
SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s Essar Oil Co. have desired to set up a green field urea ammonia complex by using Coal Bed Methane at the present site of now closed Durgapur Fertilizer Factory of HFCL; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) No proposal has been received from M/s. Essar Oil Co. to set up green field urea ammonia complex at the site of Durgapur Unit of HFCL. However, another company has evinced interest in setting up of a brown field urea ammonia complex at Durgapur based on Coal Bed Methane (CBM) to be supplied by M/s. Essar Oil Co.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above